

BEFORE THE

Illinois Commerce Commission

DOCKET NO. 00-0233

00-0335

CONSOLIDATED

IN THE MATTER OF:

ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE
ASSOCIATION

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
On Its Own Motion

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ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE) DOCKET NO.
ASSOCIATION) 00-0233

Petition for initiation of an
investigation of the necessity of
and the establishment of a
Universal Service Support Fund in
accordance with Section 13-301(d)
of the Public Utilities Act.

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION) DOCKET NO.
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Investigation into the necessity
of and, if appropriate, the
establishment of a universal
support fund pursuant to Section
13-301(d) of the Public Utilities
Act.

Springfield, Illinois
May 25, 2000

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 A.M.

BEFORE:

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PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER WOODS: We'll go on the record.

I call for hearing Dockets 00-0233 and 00-0335. Docket 0233 is the Illinois Independent Telephone Association, petition for initiation of an investigation of the necessity of and the establishment of a Universal Service Support Fund. Docket 0335 is an Illinois Commerce Commission, On Its Own Motion, investigation into the same matter. These matters were consolidated by order of the Commission recently entered in Docket 0335.

This cause comes on for hearing May 25, 2000, before Donald L. Woods, duly appointed Hearing Examiner, under the authority of the Illinois Commerce Commission. The cause was set today for a status hearing to discuss scheduling and other matters.

At this time I'd take the appearances of the parties, please, beginning in Springfield.

MR. MUNCY: Dennis K. Muncy, 306 West Church Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820, appearing for the Illinois Independent Telephone Association.

1 MR. ROONEY: On behalf of GTE North Incorporated
2 and GTE South Incorporated, John Rooney, 70 West
3 Madison, Suite 4100, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

4 EXAMINER WOODS: Any additional appearances in
5 Springfield?

6 Okay. We have a number of parties on the
7 phone as well as in the Chicago office. I'd take the
8 appearances of Staff at this time, please.

9 MR. HARVEY: Appearing on behalf of the Staff of
10 the Commerce Commission, Matthew L. Harvey and Nora
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13 EXAMINER WOODS: On behalf of Sprint.

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17 EXAMINER WOODS: AT&T.

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21 EXAMINER WOODS: IPTA.

22 MR. DONOVAN: On behalf of IPTA, Joe Donovan, 30

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2 EXAMINER WOODS: MCI WorldCom.

3 MR. TOWNSLEY: Appearing on behalf of MCI
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6 EXAMINER WOODS: Ameritech.

7 MS. WITTEBORT: Appearing on behalf of Ameritech
8 Illinois, Nancy Wittebort, W-I-T-T-E-B-O-R-T, 225
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10 EXAMINER WOODS: Any additional appearances?
11 Let the record reflect no response.

12 The record will also reflect discussions
13 had among the parties before beginning today.

14 We do have currently pending a motion of
15 the IITA suggesting a manner in which to conduct
16 these two hearings, basically on a bifurcated
17 approach. The Staff of the Illinois Commerce
18 Commission has filed a response. We have then
19 received the reply of the Illinois Independent
20 Telephone Association to Staff's response.

21 The parties indicated that they have just
22 recently received these and would like an opportunity

1 to review them further, so we have determined to set
2 this cause over for an additional status hearing
3 Wednesday, May 31, 2000. That will be at 10:30 a.m.
4 following a hearing to be conducted in Docket
5 98-0396.

6 I have indicated to the parties that I
7 would intend to rule on the motion at next
8 Wednesday's hearing. In addition, we will be
9 adopting a schedule for these dockets in either event
10 that the matters are taken on a bifurcated approach
11 or singly.

12 Anything further, Mr. Muncy?

13 MR. MUNCY: I don't believe so. Do you want me
14 to send out the schedule to the service list or
15 indicate what I was thinking about now so people
16 could consider it?

17 EXAMINER WOODS: I think that would be a good
18 idea.

19 MR. MUNCY: Again, as I said earlier, the only
20 schedule that I sort of just tried to put together
21 was based upon the idea that the docket would be
22 bifurcated and that there would be limited issues

1 addressed in Phase 1.

2 Having said that, the schedule that --
3 well, a schedule for consideration would be on June
4 22nd the IITA would file direct testimony in support
5 of the interim fund. Then also on that day, since
6 it's provided for in the stipulation, Mr. Examiner,
7 the funding responsibility issue was to be litigated
8 in Phase 1. The direct testimony of local exchange
9 carriers and interexchange carriers on the funding
10 issue would be filed to address the issues that are
11 covered in Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the stipulation. On
12 July the 13th the Staff and any other intervenors
13 would file testimony on all Phase 1 issues; on July
14 27th rebuttal testimony by all parties; suggested
15 hearings on August 3rd and 4th. I don't know how
16 many days it would take. I don't think it would take
17 more than two.

18 August 21st simultaneous initial briefs;
19 August 28th simultaneous reply briefs. Hopefully the
20 Examiner could have a HEPO out by sometime around
21 September the 14th. If that was so, then perhaps
22 exceptions could be filed on September the 26th and

1 replies on October the 3rd.

2 EXAMINER WOODS: Okay. Yeah, if you would
3 circulate that.

4 MR. MUNCY: I will circulate that.

5 EXAMINER WOODS: For what it's worth, that
6 matches my schedule pretty good, so.

7 MR. MUNCY: Okay.

8 EXAMINER WOODS: And, also, I have received a
9 number of petitions to intervene, once the Commission
10 entered its order in Docket 00-0335. If there are no
11 objections, all pending petitions to intervene in
12 both these cases will be granted at this point.

13 If there's nothing further at this time, we
14 will continue this cause to May 31, 2000, at 10:30
15 A.M.

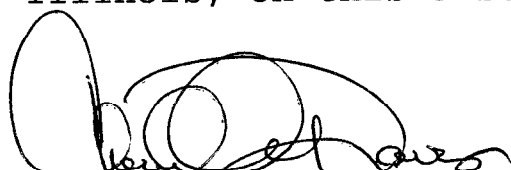
16 (Whereupon the case was
17 continued to May 31, 2000, at
18 10:30 A.M. in Springfield,
19 Illinois.)
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2 COUNTY OF SANGAMON) SS
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13 shorthand the evidence taken and proceedings had on
14 the hearing on the above-entitled case on the 25th
15 day of May, 2000; that the foregoing 10 pages are a
16 true and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so
17 taken as aforesaid and contain all of the proceedings
18 directed by the Commission or other persons
19 authorized by it to conduct the said hearing to be so
20 stenographically reported.

21 Dated at Springfield, Illinois, on this 31st day
22 of May, A.D., 2000.


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